

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/722,854

Applicant(s)

HALLBERG ET AL.

Examiner

David N. Werner

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Terminal Disclaimer filed 20 December 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action for US Patent Application 10/722,854 is in response to communications filed 21 September 2007 and 20 December 2007. Currently, claims 5-8 are pending. Claims 1-4 have been cancelled.
2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 20 December 2007 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patent 7,298,959 B1 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.
3. The terminal disclaimer filed on 20 December 2007 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of copending US Patent Application 10/684,276 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 5-8 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 5-8 place the present application as co-extensive in scope with parent US Patent 7,298,959. Claims 5-8 are directed to processing MPEG video data encoded within DV-formatted DIF data blocks, the MPEG video data retaining its native format within the DIF blocks. Specifically, the limitations in independent claim 5 of "[inserting] MPEG data in an

MPEG format and including an MPEG header, into payload sections of respective DIF data blocks" and "extracting MPEG data from said respective DIF data blocks" are considered patentably distinct over the prior art. Closest prior art "MPEG-2 video data simulator" (Goswami et al.), cited in the prior non-final rejection, teaches MPEG-2 TS packets encoded within IEEE-1394 isochronous packets, but does not teach encoding the MPEG packets as the payload of DIF data blocks.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US Patent 6,826,181 B1 (Higashida et al.), cited in the prior non-final rejection, teaches inserting DV DIF data into MPEG transport stream packets for transmission over an ATM. US Patent Application Publication 2004/0042767 A1 (Defrance et al.) teaches transmission of MPEG-2 data or DV data over an IEEE 1394 bus. Japanese Patent Application Publication 2001—94552 A (Morinaga) discloses the claimed invention, but is not considered "prior art" under any section of 35 U.S.C. 102.

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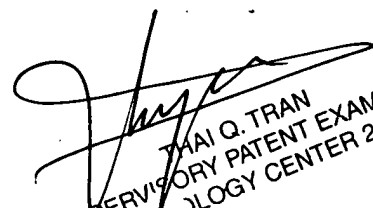
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David N. Werner whose telephone number is (571) 272-9662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571) 272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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